

U.S. Department of Justice

Washington, DC 20530

Exhibit A to Registration Statement**Pursuant to the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended**

INSTRUCTIONS. Furnish this exhibit for EACH foreign principal listed in an initial statement and for EACH additional foreign principal acquired subsequently. The filing of this document requires the payment of a filing fee as set forth in Rule (d)(1), 28 C.F.R. § 5.5(d)(1). Compliance is accomplished by filing an electronic Exhibit A form at <https://www.fara.gov>.

Privacy Act Statement. The filing of this document is required by the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended, 22 U.S.C. § 611 *et seq.*, for the purposes of registration under the Act and public disclosure. Provision of the information requested is mandatory, and failure to provide this information is subject to the penalty and enforcement provisions established in Section 8 of the Act. Every registration statement, short form registration statement, supplemental statement, exhibit, amendment, copy of informational materials or other document or information filed with the Attorney General under this Act is a public record open to public examination, inspection and copying during the posted business hours of the FARA Unit in Washington, DC. Statements are also available online at the FARA Unit's webpage: <https://www.fara.gov>. One copy of every such document, other than informational materials, is automatically provided to the Secretary of State pursuant to Section 6(b) of the Act, and copies of any and all documents are routinely made available to other agencies, departments and Congress pursuant to Section 6(c) of the Act. The Attorney General also transmits a semi-annual report to Congress on the administration of the Act which lists the names of all agents registered under the Act and the foreign principals they represent. This report is available to the public in print and online at: <https://www.fara.gov>.

Public Reporting Burden. Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average .22 hours per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden to Chief, FARA Unit, Counterintelligence and Export Control Section, National Security Division, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, DC 20530; and to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503.

1. Name of Registrant

Blue Star Strategies, LLC

2. Registration Number

6587

3. Primary Address of Registrant

888 17th St. NW, Suite 800
Washington, DC 20006

4. Name of Foreign Principal

Nizami Ganjavi International Center

5. Address of Foreign Principal

World Business Center
Floor 21
53 Samad Vurghun Street
Nisimi District
Baku, Azerbaijan AZ1014

6. Country/Region Represented

Eurasia

7. Indicate whether the foreign principal is one of the following:

☐ Government of a foreign country¹☐ Foreign political party☒ Foreign or domestic organization: If either, check one of the following:☐ Partnership☐ Committee☐ Corporation☐ Voluntary group☐ Association☒ Other (*specify*) Non-Governmental Organization☐ Individual-State nationality _____

8. If the foreign principal is a foreign government, state:

a) Branch or agency represented by the registrant

b) Name and title of official with whom registrant engages

¹ "Government of a foreign country," as defined in Section 1(e) of the Act, includes any person or group of persons exercising sovereign de facto or de jure political jurisdiction over any country, other than the United States, or over any part of such country, and includes any subdivision of any such group and any group or agency to which such sovereign de facto or de jure authority or functions are directly or indirectly delegated. Such term shall include any faction or body of insurgents within a country assuming to exercise governmental authority whether such faction or body of insurgents has or has not been recognized by the United States.

9. If the foreign principal is a foreign political party, state:

- a) Name and title of official with whom registrant engages
- b) Aim, mission or objective of engagement

10. If the foreign principal is not a foreign government or a foreign political party:

- a) State the nature of the business or activity of this foreign principal.

b) Is this foreign principal:

Supervised by a foreign government, foreign political party, or other foreign principal	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Owned by a foreign government, foreign political party, or other foreign principal	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Directed by a foreign government, foreign political party, or other foreign principal	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Controlled by a foreign government, foreign political party, or other foreign principal	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Financed by a foreign government, foreign political party, or other foreign principal	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Subsidized in part by a foreign government, foreign political party, or other foreign principal	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

11. Explain fully all items answered "Yes" in Item 10(b).

NGIC receives the majority of its funding from the Azeri government. Other foreign governments participate and provide additional support.

12. If the foreign principal is an organization and is not owned or controlled by a foreign government, foreign political party or other foreign principal, state who owns and controls it.





NGIC is controlled by a Board of Trustees and Co-Chairs:

VAIRA VIKI-FREIBERGA (Former President of Republic of Latvia, Co-Chair), ISMAIL SERAGELDIN (Founding Director of the new Library of Alexandria, Co Chair)

Former Vice President of World Bank), BORIS TADIC (Former President of Serbia), TARJA HALONEN (Former President of Finland), IVO JOSIPOVIC (Former President of Croatia), ROSEN PLEVNELIEV (Former President of the Republic of Bulgaria), FILIP VUJANOVIC (Former President of Montenegro), NOELEEN HEYZER (Former Under Secretary General of the United Nations)

EXECUTION

In accordance with 28 U.S.C. § 1746, and subject to the penalties of 18 U.S.C. § 1001 and 22 U.S.C. § 618, the undersigned swears or affirms under penalty of perjury that he/she has read the information set forth in this Exhibit A to Registration Statement, that he/she is familiar with the contents thereof, and that such contents are in their entirety true and accurate to the best of his/her knowledge and belief.

Date	Printed Name	Signature
January 17, 2020	Sally Painter	 /s/ Sally Painter eSigned
		
		
		

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Exhibit B to Registration Statement**Pursuant to the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended**

INSTRUCTIONS. A registrant must furnish as an Exhibit B copies of each written agreement and the terms and conditions of each oral agreement with his foreign principal, including all modifications of such agreements, or, where no contract exists, a full statement of all the circumstances by reason of which the registrant is acting as an agent of a foreign principal. Compliance is accomplished by filing an electronic Exhibit B form at <https://www.fara.gov>.

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1. Name of Registrant Blue Star Strategies, LLC	2. Registration Number 6587
3. Name of Foreign Principal Nizami Ganjavi International Center (NGIC)	

Check Appropriate Box:

4. ☒ The agreement between the registrant and the above-named foreign principal is a formal written contract. If this box is checked, attach a copy of the contract to this exhibit.
5. ☐ There is no formal written contract between the registrant and the foreign principal. The agreement with the above-named foreign principal has resulted from an exchange of correspondence. If this box is checked, attach a copy of all pertinent correspondence, including a copy of any initial proposal which has been adopted by reference in such correspondence.
6. ☐ The agreement or understanding between the registrant and the foreign principal is the result of neither a formal written contract nor an exchange of correspondence between the parties. If this box is checked, give a complete description below of the terms and conditions of the oral agreement or understanding, its duration, the fees and expenses, if any, to be received.
7. What is the date of the contract or agreement with the foreign principal? Effective 01/01/20
8. Describe fully the nature and method of performance of the above indicated agreement or understanding.

Blue Star Strategies will begin conducting outreach to U.S. officials and Members of Congress to raise awareness of NGIC's international conferences and promote awareness of NGIC's positive convening authority.

9. Describe fully the activities the registrant engages in or proposes to engage in on behalf of the above foreign principal.

Blue Star Strategies will meet with and request possible participation of U.S. officials in NGIC's annual Baku Forum in March 2020 and its other international conferences as appropriate.

10. Will the activities on behalf of the above foreign principal include political activities as defined in Section 1(o) of the Act¹.

Yes ☒ No ☐

If yes, describe all such political activities indicating, among other things, the relations, interests or policies to be influenced together with the means to be employed to achieve this purpose. The response must include, but not be limited to, activities involving lobbying, promotion, perception management, public relations, economic development, and preparation or dissemination of informational materials.

Blue Star Strategies will promote NGIC through meetings with U.S. officials and Members of Congress, and will prepare conference brochures and agendas to disseminate as informational materials.

11. Prior to the date of registration² for this foreign principal did the registrant engage in any activities, including political activities, for or render any services to this foreign principal?

Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, describe in full detail all such activities. The response should include, among other things, the relations, interests, and policies sought to be influenced and the means employed to achieve this purpose. If the registrant arranged, sponsored, or delivered speeches, lectures, social media, internet postings, or media broadcasts, give details as to dates, places of delivery, names of speakers, and subject matter. The response must also include, but not be limited to, activities involving lobbying, promotion, perception management, public relations, economic development, and preparation and dissemination of informational materials.

Set forth below a general description of the registrant's activities.

Set forth below in the required detail the registrant's political activities.

Date	Contact	Method	Purpose
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EXECUTION

In accordance with 28 U.S.C. § 1746, and subject to the penalties of 18 U.S.C. § 1001 and 22 U.S.C. § 618, the undersigned swears or affirms under penalty of perjury that he/she has read the information set forth in this Exhibit B to Registration Statement, that he/she is familiar with the contents thereof, and that such contents are in their entirety true and accurate to the best of his/her knowledge and belief.

Date	Printed Name	Signature	eSigned
January 17, 2020	Sally Painter	/s/ Sally Painter	



Amendment

This Amendment ("Amendment") shall be attached to the Consulting Services Agreement (the "Agreement") between **Nizami Ganjavi International Center** (the "Client"), dated July 31, 2019, and **Blue Star Strategies, LLC** (the "Firm"). This Amendment is pursuant to Section 11 (Amendments) of the existing Agreement. The Client and the Firm are referred to individually as "the Party" or "the Parties" collectively herein.

The Parties hereby agree that this Amendment shall amend the Agreement as follows:

1. Per Section 1 (Services), the Firm will expand the scope of its work for the Client and begin conducting outreach to U.S. officials and Members of Congress to raise awareness of the Client's conferences and promote awareness of the positive convening authority of the Client. The Firm will primarily request possible participation of U.S. officials in the Baku Forum in March 2020 and other conferences as agreed to between the Parties.
2. Per Section 4.A (Compensation / Fees and Expenses), the Client agrees to pay the Firm a Monthly Retainer Fee in the amount of US\$20,000 (twenty thousand U.S. dollars) for Services performed and reimbursement of Expenses, per the Firm's monthly invoices.
3. Per Section 12.A (Term and Renewal), the Amendment shall commence on January 1, 2020 and continue through December 31, 2020. The Agreement shall then continue on a monthly basis unless or until terminated by either Party pursuant to the terms of Section 12 of the Agreement.
4. All other terms of the Agreement shall remain unchanged.

We, the undersigned, hereby agree that the terms and conditions of the Amendment shall apply to the current Agreement, as referred to herein.

Nizami Ganjavi International Center

Signed: 

Name: Rovshan Muradov

Title: Secretary General

Date: 13 December 2019

Blue Star Strategies, LLC

Signed: 

Name: Sally Painter

Title: Chief Operating Officer

Date: 12/13/19



12. During the period beginning 60 days prior to the obligation to register³ this foreign principal, did the registrant receive from the foreign principal any contribution, income, money, or thing of value either as compensation on, or for disbursement, or otherwise?

Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, set forth below in the required detail an account of such monies or things of value.

Date Received	From Whom	Purpose	Amount/Thing of Value
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Total

13. During the period beginning 60 days prior to the obligation to register⁴ this foreign principal, did the registrant spend or disburse any money in furtherance of or in connection with its activities on behalf of the foreign principal?

Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, set forth below in the required detail and separately an account of such monies, including monies transmitted, if any.

Date	To Whom	Purpose	Amount
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¹ "Political activity," as defined in Section 1(o) of the Act, means any activity which the person engaging in believes will, or that the person intends to, in any way influence any agency or official of the Government of the United States or any section of the public within the United States with reference to formulating, adopting, or changing the domestic or foreign policies of the United States or with reference to the political or public interests, policies, or relations of a government of a foreign country or a foreign political party.

^{2,3,4} Pursuant to Section 2(a) of the Act, an agent must register within ten days of becoming an agent, and before acting as such.

